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SUBJECT: AGRIBUSINESS

1. GRAHAM WILLIAMS OF OPIC AND EUGENE GRASBERG OF AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL MET IN OPIC OFFICES WITH PIERRE LOUIS OF CONADEP, ACCOMPANIED BY GERVAIS OF HAITIAN EMBASSY, TO DISCUSS SITUATION ON OPIC-COUNCIL PROJECTS AND POSSIBLE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DUVALIER DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE HIGHEST LEVEL GOH SUPPORT. MEETING WAS ARRANGED AT INSTIGATION OF AMBASSADOR SALOMON, AND MINISTER BROS WHO WAS TO BE MAIN PARTICIPANT SENT REGRETS AT LAST MOMENT. BY CHANCE, HOWEVER, WILLIAMS MET BRIEFLY WITH BROS LATER. BROS' COMMENTS SHOWED HE HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON RESULTS PIERRE

LOUIS MEETING AND HE STATED HIS SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT.

2. SALOMON, ACCORDING TO GERVAIS, HAS WRITTEN PRESIDENT URGING THIS AUDIENCE, AND COPIES HAVE BEEN SENT TO MINISTERS
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OF FINANCE, AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

3. FULLER BACKGROUND CAN BE PROVIDED BY GRASBERG WHO HERIVES PORT-AU-PRINCE JANUARY 6.HE HAS RESERVATIONS AT QUISQUEYA AND WILL CONTACT EMBASSY ON ARRIVAL.

4. PURPOSE GRASBERG TRIP IS TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT OF SHORR GROUP WHICH IS CONTINUING ITS COUNCIL-OPIC SUPPORTED STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF THEIR GOING INTO THE VEGETABLE GROWING AND PACKING BUSINESS IN HAITI. GROUP ARRIVES JANUARY 10 AND WILL BE IN HAITI ABOUT ONE WEEK.

5. SHORR PARTY INCLUDES SHELDON SHORR, PETER DANDREA AND JAMES FORMISANO, AND THEY WILL BE AT QUISQUEYA, TOO. INGERSOLL

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